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LA 15th Council District

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STATE LEGISLATURE APPROVES $5.2 BILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

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This week, the state Legislature approved a $5.2 billion bill to fix our broken transportation infrastructure.

LOS ANGELES TIMES STORY

Coupled with Measure M local return dollars, Los Angeles is finally in a position to fund the reconstruction of our failed streets. In the city of Los Angeles, motorists spend $1,000 a year in increased repair costs and fuel consumption because of rough and broken roadway surfaces. A third of the city's streets are in such poor condition that they can no longer be resurfaced with a new layer of asphalt, and must be reconstructed from the gravel base on up. The cost of fixing our streets doubles every ten years, so it is ultimately important that we start this work as soon as possible. L.A.'s surface streets are the foundation of all the other elements in our transportation system. Bikes use streets; buses use them; FedEx, the post office, the police and the fire department use them; even the rail system requires streets to get people to and from the stations, and so will autonomous Ubers, Lyfts and other transportation innovators of the future.

"We cannot meet important city transportation needs necessary for our future if we do not start with the most basic foundation for transportation in Los Angeles," said Councilman Joe Buscaino.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STILL SEEKING INFORMATION IN BRUTAL BEATING OF YOUNG TEEN

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The Lomita Sheriff's Station needs your help. Detectives from the Station are still investigating the brutal beating of Evan Jimenez which occurred after 10 pm in an alley near the 900 block of west 2nd Street, in La Rambla - the unincorporated area in San Pedro on March 30th.

Councilman Buscaino want to urge anyone with information to call Lomita Station Detective Bureau, Sergeant Osburn, at (310) 539-1661, or if you wish to remain anonymous, call “LA Crime Stoppers” by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), or text the letters TIPLA plus your tip to CRIMES (274637,) or by using the website http://lacrimestoppers.org.

"Please take a moment to keep up the momentum and continue to share and repost this information until someone comes forward," said Councilmember Buscaino. "San Pedro is a close-knit community. While we search for the thugs who did this, we must also make sure that we are always looking out for one another." A "Justice for Evan" fundraiser will be held from 1 pm to 7 pm this Sunday at Godmother's Saloon at 302 W. Seventh St. in San Pedro. A GoFundMe has also been set up for Evan's medical expenses. READ MORE IN THE DAILY BREEZE...

WATCH: AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH: PROJECT SEARCH AT KAISER PERMANENTE HOSTIPAL

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In honor of Autism Awareness month, Councilman Buscaino had the privilege of visiting Project SEARCH at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Harbor City. Project

SEARCH is a unique, one-year program that provides real-life work experience to help youth with significant disabilities make successful transitions from school to adult life. Project SEARCH provides total workplace immersion which facilitates a combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through worksite rotations. Councilman Buscaino was very impressed with the amount of love and dedication this program and its recipients receive from the program staff, especially the department heads at Kaiser which shares the responsibility of mentoring the students and providing safe and comforting work environments to help them succeed. WATCH NOW...

WILMINGTON TOWN SQUARE PARK STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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This week Councilman Buscaino sat in on the Wilmington Town Square Park steering committee meeting to learn more about the ongoing design plans. This new park will become a true town square and will contribute to the art, culture and community scene in Wilmington. The photo above is still a work in progress and more detailed elements will be introduced in the future. Avalon Boulevard is well on its way to becoming a great street!

COMING SOON: WARNER GRAND THEATRE MURAL

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The Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and Councilman Joe Buscaino's office have secured funding for a large mural on the upper wall of the Warner Grand Theatre. The Department of Cultural Affairs maintains a list of pre-qualified muralists who work with the City and has initiated the process to select the artist and design for the space. DCA's selection process for this project is to provide an honorarium to five artists to submit designs and then a panel composed of community members, professional and local artists evaluate the submissions and provide feedback. After the panel, which convened last week, a community meeting will be held with the commissioned artist and the revised design based on panel comments. The community meeting for the Warner Grand mural will be held on a to-be-determined date in the month of May.

SPRING ACTIVITES AT YOUR LOCAL PARK

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DODGERS YOUTH BASEBALL IN LOS ANGELES

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The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) is launching its 4th season of Dodgers RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities), which is a baseball/softball youth development program for ages 5-18.

The Dodgers RBI program increases participation in the sport and provides health and education resources to the Los Angeles community. Moreover, Dodgers RBI is bigger than baseball and focuses on character development among the youth participants. LADF provides all participants with uniforms, equipment, youth clinics, financial literacy seminars, a literacy program, coaches training, college access tours, free eye screenings, fitness clinics, nutrition education, special events and more!

This program is happening in 56 locations in the Southern California region. Here are the locations for the 15th Council District.

Athens Park: 12603 South Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90061 **323-241-6710** dodgersrbi-athens.leagueapps.com

109th Street Rec Center: 1464 East 109th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90059 **323-566-4561** http://dodgersrbi-109st.leagueapps.com/location/19278

Ted Watkins Park: 1335 East 103rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002 **323-357-3032** dodgersrbi-tedwatkins.leagueapps.com

Rosecrans Rec Center: 840 West 149th Street, Gardena, CA 90247 **310-327-3653** http://dodgersrbi-rosecrans.leagueapps.com/location/19509

Harbor City Rec Center: 24901 Frampton Ave, Harbor City, CA 90710 **310-548-7729**
http://dodgersrbi-harborcity.leagueapps.com/location/19507

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FREE WELLNESS PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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Earlier this week at the El Capitan Theatre, Melanie Fontelera of the San Pedro Boys and Girls Club became the L.A. County Youth of the Year! Only two winners were selected out of 23 competitors in L.A. County.

This the first time in the Club's 80 Year history that a member of the Boys and Girls Club of the LA Harbor won L.A. County Youth of the Year and is advancing to the state level. Melanie will represent San Pedro, the L.A. Harbor, and L.A. County later this month in Sacramento for the California Youth of the Year competition. Eventually, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Youth of the Year will be selected at a competition in Washington D.C. and will then be inducted by the President of the United States. Watch the ABC7 segment here.

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